

HO-1089

Doughoregan-Pushpin-Girls Portion Boundary Marker

Rushlight Path

Private

Description:

The Doughoregan-Pushpin-Girls Portion Boundary Marker is located between 5008 and 5016 Rushlight Path in the Village of Harpers Choice in Columbia. It is set on a narrow, flat, partially wooded lot, with a metal fence and gate surrounding it and a bronze marker in front of it. It is set back from the curb approximately 37 feet, 6 inches. The marker appears to be of limestone or marble, with a bit of quartz in it, and is broken off at the top, with some words missing as a result. It is 28 inches wide, 28 inches tall at the highest point above the present ground level, is 9 inches thick at the base and 6 inches thick at the top. The south side faces the road and is carved with:

“THE BEGINING
TREES OF DOOH
REGAN PUSHPIN
AND THE GIRLS
PORTION
1773”

Significance:

The Doughoregan-Pushpin-Girls Portion Boundary Marker locates the intersection of the southwest corner of the land patent “Pushpin”, the northwest corner of the patent “Girls Portion”, and a point on the east boundary of the patent “Doughoregan” (originally spelled Doohregan). The tract “Pushpin” was patented first, by John Jones in 1700, and was 200 acres. Two years later Charles Carroll the Settler patented “Doughoregan”, which was 7000 acres, and in 1703 Richard Ketlin patented “Girls Portion”, which was 100 acres. All three parcels were rectangular. It was not unusual that the original boundary markers were trees, and when they died the stumps were used, until it became necessary for the neighboring property owners to agree to the location of the lost boundary and replace it, often with a stone. That is apparently what happened with this common point of the three tracts. Often a boundary agreement would be recorded amongst the deeds, but no such agreement was found for this marker, suggesting that the original trees that are noted on the stone were still identifiable when the stone was placed in 1773. The stone apparently is now missing the words “THERE STANDS . . .” at the top of the stone. Stone boundary markers such as this one would have been common elements of the landscape and ones that would have been pointed out to sons as they walked the fields with their fathers, in order to know the boundaries of their property. Most of these stones seem to have disappeared over the course of development in Howard County, but this one was preserved and is owned by the Columbia Association.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Doughoregan-Pushpin-Girls Portion Boundary Marker

2. Location

street and number Rushlight Path not for publication

city, town Columbia ☒ vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Columbia Association, Inc.

street and number 10221 Wincopin Circle telephone

city, town Columbia state MD zip code 21044

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 3052 folio 108

city, town Ellicott City tax map 29 tax parcel 362 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Doughoregan-Pushpin-Girls Portion Boundary Marker is located between 5008 and 5016 Rushlight Path in the Village of Harpers Choice in Columbia, in central Howard County, Maryland. It is set on a narrow, flat, partially wooded lot, with a metal fence and gate surrounding it and a bronze marker in front of it. It is set back from the curb approximately 37 feet, 6 inches.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates 1773

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 6,000 sq. ft.
Acreage of historical setting 7,300 A
Quadrangle name Clarksville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 29, parcel 362, between the boundaries of 5008 and 5016 Rushlight Path, the road on the south, and a line between the northeast corner of the lot at 5008 and the northwest corner of the lot at 5016, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

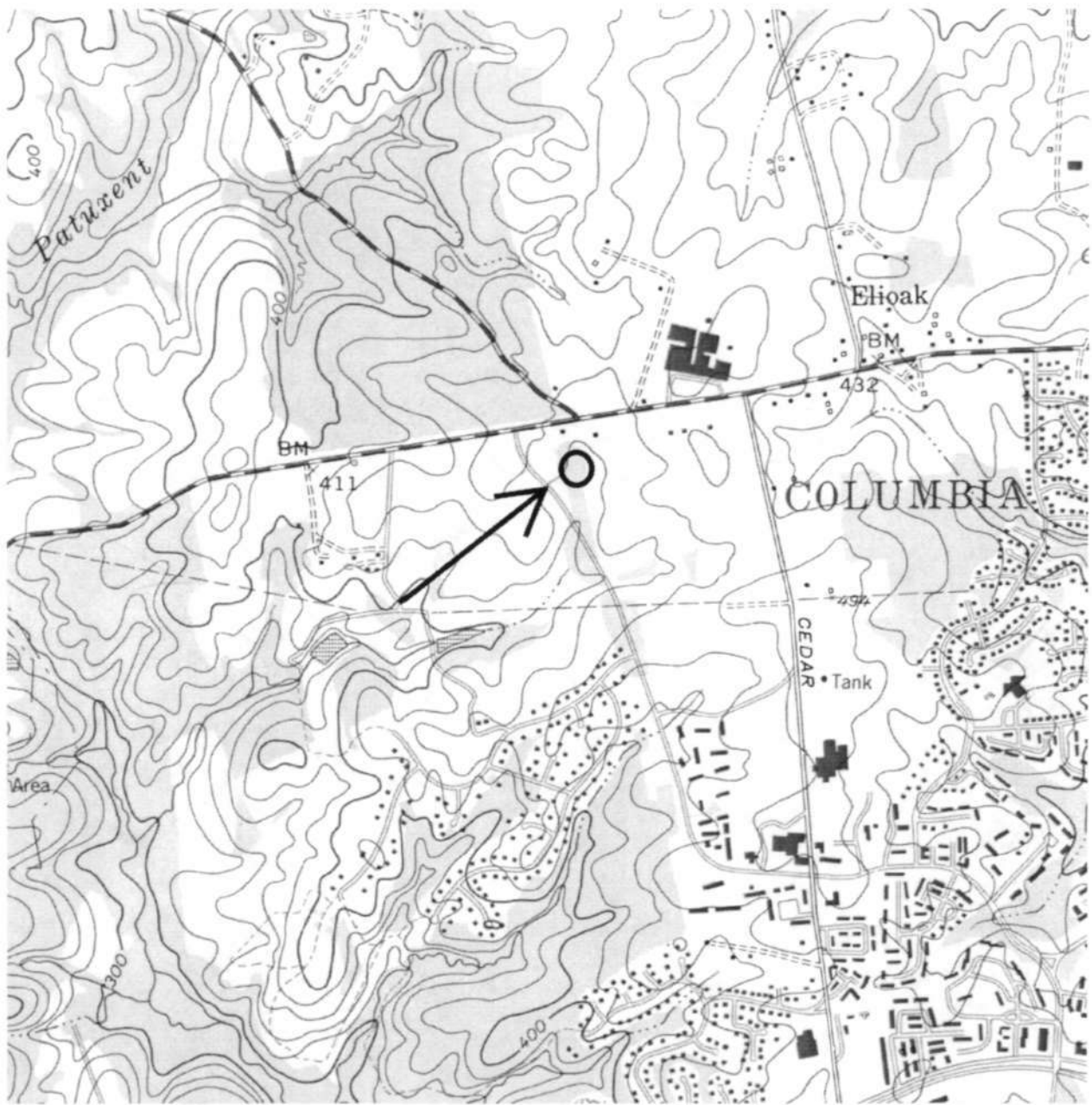
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	June 2012
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Clarksville quad

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Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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General view from road, looking north

HO-1089_2012-03-20_02
South elevation



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General view from road, looking north

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